

CITY OF LACEY
Official Proclamation

WHEREAS, *no city in Washington State is immune to accidental or intentional overdose, and death from drug overdose is preventable; and*

WHEREAS, *people who experience an overdose are deserving of our care and kindness; and*

WHEREAS, *stigma creates barriers to disclosing drug misuse and abuse to family, friends, health care providers, service providers and others; and*

WHEREAS, *when someone you care for dies from a stigmatized behavior, such as overdose, grieving is often much harder for those left behind because of shame and guilt; and*

WHEREAS, *the City of Lacey acknowledges that there is a need to treat drug-related harm as a public health issue; and*


WHEREAS, *Washington State has implemented a State Opioid Response Plan and offers resources like the 24-hour Washington Recovery Helpline ; and*

WHEREAS, *International Overdose Awareness Day is an opportunity to stand beside those in our community who have lost loved ones to an overdose and those who have a substance use disorder and are diligently working toward recovery;*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Andy Ryder, Mayor of the City of Lacey, on behalf of the Lacey City Council, do hereby proclaim August 31, 2021, as

Overdose Awareness Day

in the City of Lacey and encourages anyone whose life has been impacted by substance use disorder to call the Washington Recovery Helpline at **1-866-789-1511**.



Mayor Andy Ryder
August 19, 2021